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Classical Action concerts include 12 Hours of Bach

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TWO MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS IN NEW YORK HIGHLIGHT FUND-RAISING THIS SPRING FOR *CLASSICAL ACTION: PERFORMING ARTS AGAINST AIDS*

"JOHANN-A-THON" – TWELVE-HOUR, ALL-BACH CONCERT BY THE MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC – SATURDAY, APRIL 2, FEATURES MIDORI AND OTHER FACULTY AND STUDENTS

JANICE MAYER & ASSOCIATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT *CLASSICAL ACTION* AT DIZZY'S CLUB COCA-COLA, JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22

Students and Faculty at the prestigious Manhattan School of Music will fight AIDS while heralding spring with an all-day concert of music by J.S. Bach on Saturday, April 2, 2005. The beneficiary of the concert is **Classical Action: Performing Arts Against AIDS**, the only charitable organization devoted to raising funds to fight AIDS through classical music concerts. Conceived of and created by two 19 year-old Manhattan School of Music students, Jason Issokson and Steven Long, the twelve-hour concert will feature more than twenty of Bach's works, performed by esteemed Manhattan School of Music faculty and students.

The four parts of the concert will range from the opening "Brandenburg Concerto No. 6" at 11:00 a.m. to the full-length *St. John Passion*, ending around 11.30 p.m. And in between will be works for solo instruments (**Midori**, a distinguished faculty member of Manhattan School of Music, will perform the famous "Chaconne in D minor"), fantasies for organ, the entire "Art of Fugue," an orchestral suite, two solo cello suites, keyboard preludes and fugues, and much more. And tickets are reasonably priced: only \$20 for any of the four sections for the general public. Further information below.

Janice Mayer, a successful musicians' manager for some time, established her own company ten years ago and will celebrate the anniversary with a concert to benefit Classical Action in New York on Sunday, May 22, at the beautiful new space of Jazz At Lincoln Center – Dizzy's Club Coca Cola. Ms. Mayer has engaged more than 20 artists to participate in the afternoon fund-raiser, performing New York premieres of vocal chamber music. Composers William

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Bolcolm, Martin Brody, Michael Chang, Carlisle Floyd, Jake Heggie, Earl Kim, Jorge Martín, Yoko Nakatani, John Tavener and Tom Vignieri are all contributing their works for performance. There will be wine, hors-d'oeuvre and the performance, and dessert, with ticket prices at \$250 and \$100, for the benefit of Classical Action. Additional information from Janice Mayer & Associates, LLC, www.janicemayer.com and below.

Charles Hamlen, founder and director of Classical Action since 1993, continues his work after more than a dozen years on the job, deploying his many friends in the classical music world to give private "house concerts" in the homes of generous patrons in New York and elsewhere. This spring, Classical Action will co-host house concerts in **Houston, San Francisco, and New York** that will feature pianists André Watts, Garrick Ohlsson, Natasha Paremski, and Lang Lang, and the Tokyo String Quartet. Classical Action has raised and distributed more than \$5 million to AIDS organizations nationwide.

"Johann-a-thon" by Manhattan School of Music

Saturday, April 2 from 11 a.m. till 11 p.m., in four segments

James Chapel at Union Theological Seminary

3041 Broadway at 121st Street, New York City

tickets: \$20 per segment (\$10 for students); VIP reserved seating includes all segments for \$100

For full ticket information and program, visit:

www.johann-a-thon.org

And for additional information:

www.msmnyc.edu

or email: concertinfo@msmnyc.edu

Janice Mayer & Associates Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Wine, hors-d'oeuvre, performance and dessert at

Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Jazz at Lincoln Center

Broadway at 60th Street, New York City

Patron level tickets \$250 (\$225 tax-deductible)

General level tickets \$100 (\$75 tax-deductible)

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